

Closed session meeting minutes from 11-23-97

Mariana Shulstad with questions about direction we need to take for drafting of documents with NORAM. There is a conference call with attorneys. Long of a term paying a loan, requiring acquiring property, how long will be pay NORAM a consulting fee, probably wouldn't need to approve as it will be a management agreement. How long should we waive sovereign immunity. Stick to whatever we have come to our previous agreement. We would go to arbitration under the tribal court.

Contracting with a subsidiary of NORAM. They would in essence be monitoring themselves with having this be Sirook's Company doing the construction.

Frank would like to participate with the attorneys in discussion on Tuesday and get this information back to Council.

Now that we have the opinion we are a lot closer to opening a Class II facility in Victorias.

Frank wants to go to Grand Traverse Band tomorrow to borrow 3 million dollars to put all the land into trust. We buy all the land get it out from under NORAM. If we had bought the land we would have it in trust today. We have two of seven votes on the Grand Traverse Band Council.

Shirley Oldman felt the less we have to deal with NORAM the better. George Anthony questioned of whether we were in some other breach of contract. Chairman Ettawageshik stated that we are not trying to do gaming. We do not have an agreement with NORAM for Class II. In the letter of intent it says that we have to repay a loan to them if we have a successful gaming operation.

**Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was seconded by **Barry Laughlin** to authorize Chairman Ettawageshik and Tribal Attorney Jim Bransky to negotiate with Grand Traverse Band for a loan to buy land.

**Vote:** 5 YES      0 NO      0 ABSTAINED      **Motion Carried**

Mike assured Chairman Ettawageshik stated that Mike Jacobson has assured him we will be receiving \$20,000.00 on a legal bill for LS&D. We are really getting into a pinch with paying LS&D. We need to look at some of the Development money for paying LS&D.

Four days ago John Hume was diagnosed with a tumor on his heart. It is a surgery that you come out of or you don't. NORAM does not know what is going on with this. There was a hold up with the filing because there was some discussion with the mayor in Detroit. If we can offer him a way to help bump the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe out. Trying to get the mayor obligated to use and will release his votes. There is a public statement that Gagliardi and Hertel will introduce the compact in January.

**Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to go out of closed session at 8:30.

**Vote:** 5 YES      0 NO      0 ABSTAINED      **Motion Carried**

November 13, 1997